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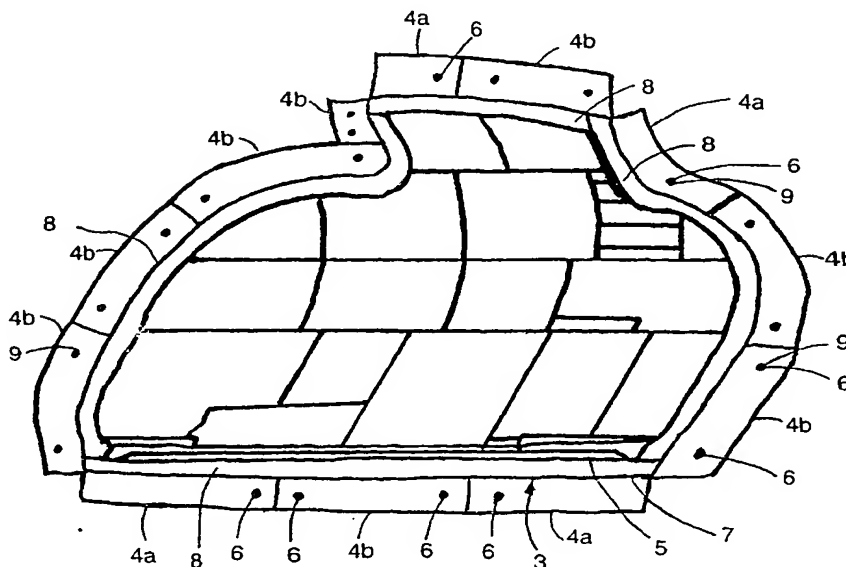
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(54) Title: HOLDING DEVICE FOR AN ITEM AND A METHOD FOR HARDENING TOGETHER SAID ITEM



(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a holding device for holding an item (3) in connection with hardening of the item under elevated pressure in a pressure tank. The holding device includes one or more support elements that entirely or partly surround the lateral surfaces of the item and are arranged to support the item (3) during hardening. The holding device is characterized in that at least one of the support elements (4a) is arranged in relation to the item in such a way that the support element (4a) presses, in a first region along its length, against the item with a pressure that is elevated relative to the pressure-tank pressure and, in a second region along its length, presses against the item with a pressure that is lower relative to the pressure-tank pressure.

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